

Competitive AmeriCorps Program Grants Awarded

Montana AmeriCorps programs competing on the national level for funding



Montana Conservation Corps

Award Recipient: Montana Conservation Corporation, Inc.

Award: \$1,872,000

AmeriCorps Members: 234

AmeriCorps MSY: 144

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Here in Montana where our sense of community extends far beyond Main Street to encompass the public lands that surround our towns, Montana Conservation Corps delivers a program to meet needs in environmental stewardship, clean energy, youth engagement, veterans, and volunteers. Members serve on crews to complete projects with community nonprofits and local, state, and federal public agencies, and gain skills and values to succeed as leaders, stewards of the land, and engaged citizens.

Montana Campus Corps

Award Recipient: University of Montana Office of Research and Sponsored Programs

Award: \$639,492

AmeriCorps Members: 757

AmeriCorps MSY: 220.97

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The Campus Corps AmeriCorps program engages college students in meeting community-identified needs through meaningful service. Students across Montana serve each year in schools, clinics, hospitals, nonprofits and local and tribal government agencies. Campus Corps members provide hands on services to Montana's low-performing K-12 schools, its medically underserved populations, and help expand the impact of the nonprofit sector. In the 2009-2010 program year (2009 – 2010 calendar year), members recruited 10,817 volunteers and served over 40,000 beneficiaries.

Great Futures Start Here – Planning Grant

Award Recipient: HELP Committee and Boys & Girls Club of the Hi-Line

Award: \$27,445

AmeriCorps Members: n/a

AmeriCorps MSY: n/a

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The Montana Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs is seeking to increase its capacity to host an AmeriCorps program that could serve Montana's children in 31 communities at 36 Clubhouses throughout the state. Ultimately, the proposed Great Futures Start Here Initiative will assist Montana Clubs, particularly those in communities with the lowest-performing schools, in helping youth prepare for school; perform at grade-level; and graduate from high school ready for college, work and life.

State Formula

Montana AmeriCorps programs competing on the state level for funding

Big Sky Watershed Corps

Award Recipient: Montana Conservation Corps, Inc.

Award: \$133,000

AmeriCorps Members: 10

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Website: <http://www.mtcorps.org/join/watershed-corps>

America's headwaters are at-risk in Montana. The Big Sky Watershed Corps (BSWC) invests in community solutions to protect and restore healthy watersheds and public waterways. AmeriCorps members will lend innovation and skill within watershed organizations to improve at-risk ecosystems at the very headwaters of our nation's greatest rivers, and mobilize volunteers to restore America's Great Outdoors.

Justice for Montanans Project

Award Recipient: Montana Legal Services Association

Award: \$169,008

AmeriCorps Members: 13

AmeriCorps MSY: 13

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Website: <http://www.justiceformontanans.org/>

The Justice for Montanans Project seeks to increase access to legal information and legal services for low to moderate income Montanans by increasing access to intake, self-help, and referral services; recruiting community volunteers who will educate, advise, and represent low to moderate income Montanans in civil matters; and increasing access to legal information through community outreach campaigns so that Montanans will be empowered to improve their lives and protect their legal rights.

Montana State Parks AmeriCorps

Award Recipient: Montana State Parks Division

Award: \$144,413

AmeriCorps Members: 23

AmeriCorps MSY: 10.91

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The Montana State Parks AmeriCorps program promotes healthy, active and environmentally aware communities by increasing volunteerism, enhancing educational opportunities, and improving community outreach in Montana State Parks. AmeriCorps members serving this program will develop a commitment to stewardship of natural and cultural resources.

Montana Energy Corps

Award Recipient: National Center for Appropriate Technology

Award: \$106,889

AmeriCorps Members: 8

AmeriCorps MSY: 8

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The Montana Energy Corps AmeriCorps program is a project of the National Center for Appropriate Technology (NCAT) that was created to address unmet community energy needs by promoting sustainable energy consumption and education, fostering community sustainability and helping to mitigate the effects of global climate change. The Energy Corps provides hands-on training and skills development to help design a green-

collar workforce capable of meeting the needs of the future. Energy Corps members are placed in host organizations in communities throughout the state of Montana to implement solutions for sustainable energy consumption.

Young Adult Service Corps

Award Recipient: Jobs for Montana Graduates Foundation

Award: \$141,822

AmeriCorps Members: 110

AmeriCorps MSY: 23.28

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The Young Adult Service Corps (YASC), a program of the Jobs for Montana's Graduates Foundation (JMGF) based in Helena, Montana, uses national service as a means to engage young adults in education. YASC creates service opportunities for young adults to develop positive connections to their schools and communities leading to an increase in on-time high school graduation rates and college access and success. The service activities YASC members and their non-AmeriCorps volunteers provide increase the capacity of local schools and community-based organizations.

2012 (Grant Year)

OCS Administrative and Project Grants Received

Grants fund the operation of and projects undertaken by the Governor's Office of Community Service
(Interim funding pending availability of CNCS FY2011 appropriation)

Administrative Grant

Grantor: The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS)

Award Recipient: Governor's Office of Community Service

Funding: \$200,000

Project Period: 1/01/2011-12/31/2012

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This grant award is provided to assist the Office of Community Service in carrying out a national service program as authorized by the National and Community Service Act of 1990. The award also funds all activities required of the Montana Commission on Community Service.

Program Development and Technical Assistance (PDAT) Grant

Grantor: The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS)

Award Recipient: Governor's Office of Community Service

Funding (including \$10,852 in carry over): \$33,602

Project Period: 1/01/2012-12/31/2013

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This grant award is provided to assist the Office of Community Service in carrying out a national service program as authorized by the National and Community Service Act of 1990. The PDAT grant allows the Office of Community Service to provide its national service partners program development assistance and training opportunities.

Disability Grant

Grantor: The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS)

Award Recipient: Governor's Office of Community Service

Funding (including \$20,158 in carry over): \$50,395

Project Period: 1/01/2010-12/31/2012

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This grant award is provided to assist the Office of Community Service in carrying out a national service program as authorized by the National and Community Service Act of 1990. Funding from this grant ensures the promotion of individuals with disabilities as valued members within national service.

ReadyMontana Grants Received

Grants fund outreach to engage citizens in service and emergency preparedness, the Governor's Fire Ready and Winter Ready Initiatives, and Citizen Corps Projects undertaken by the Governor's Office of Community Service

FY09 State Homeland Security Program Special Needs Grant

Award: \$195,740.00

Project Period: 07/01/2010-3/31/2012

FY10 State Homeland Security Program Special Needs Grant

Grantor: Montana Disaster and Emergency Services

Award Recipient: Governor's Office of Community Service

Award: \$92,000

Project Period: 04/01/2012-12/31/2012

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Milestone 1: Collaboration / Outreach / Media

- Develop and reproduce accessible public education and outreach materials to promote training, encourage volunteer participation, and promote preparedness among Montana citizens.
- Promote citizen readiness, the ability to act in response to individual abilities, special needs, 55+, children/infants, and pets.
- Conduct emergency preparedness presentations at Tribal Benefits Training Workshops. These onsite trainings offer a forum for Tribal members to access Federal and State materials, contacts and resources. (Semiannually)

Milestone 2: Trainings

- Collaborate and support trainings identified under State Homeland Security Program and Citizen Corps targeting special needs, children/infants, and 55+ populations.
- Collaborate and support regional CERT train the trainers to promote preparedness for special needs, children/infants, and 55+ populations.
- Collaborate and support Map Your Neighborhood trainings targeting special needs, children/infants, and 55+ populations.
- Provide an annual venue for Disability/DES/Veterinarians/55+/Infants and Children organizations, coordinators, agencies, advocates to network, collaborate and present all inclusive methodologies to build critical infrastructure and sustainable partnerships for self-sufficiency during a disaster.

Milestone 3: Volunteer Management

- Maintain web portal with Montana Nonprofit Association for volunteer participation in emergency planning and emergency response for persons with disabilities, infants/children, 55+, and pets. (Maintain Quarterly)
- Conduct statewide survey to evaluate volunteer capacity for special needs, children/infants, and 55+ populations, and then utilize data collected for strategic planning.
- Recognize volunteers serving in special needs capacity to receive an award at the Serve Montana Symposium event. (February)
- Maintain best practice information on Ready.mt.gov website to support special needs populations in emergency preparedness. (Ongoing)

Milestone 4: Governor's Call to Service Campaign

- Fire Ready - Winter Ready (Warm Hearts Warm Homes, One Warm Coat, Other Campaigns)
- Governor's Office of Community Service will engage special needs, children/infants, and 55+ populations in disaster preparedness through Public Service Campaigns. Campaigns supported with intensive media, public service announcements, education materials, trainings, and national emergency preparedness resources.

FY10 Citizen Corps Grant

Grantor: Montana Disaster and Emergency Services

Award Recipient: Governor's Office of Community Service

Award: \$ 111,233.60

Project Period: 09/01/2010-12/31/2012

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Milestone 1: Collaboration / Outreach / Media

- Develop and reproduce public education and outreach materials to promote training, encourage volunteer participation, and promote preparedness among Montana citizens. (Ongoing)
- All materials will be current with ongoing guidance from FEMA/US Department of Homeland Security. (As Needed)
- Maintain Ready.mt.gov website to ensure current and best practice information is available to the public and local Citizen Corps. (Monthly)

Milestone 2: Trainings

- Establish, support, and conduct trainings identified under State Homeland Security and Citizen Corps.
- Establish, support, and conduct regional CERT train the trainers to promote citizen and community preparedness.
- Establish and conduct Map Your Neighborhood trainings via distance learning technology targeting rural and remote populations.

Milestone 3: Volunteer Management

- Maintain web portal with Montana Nonprofit Association and AmeriCorps Connect for volunteer participation on emergency preparedness and Emergency response. (Quarterly)
- Conduct statewide survey to evaluate volunteer capacity and utilize data collected for strategic planning.
- Recognize emergency preparedness and response and recovery citizens with Ready Montana award. (Feb)

Milestone 4: Governor's Call to Service Campaign

- Fire Ready - Winter Ready (Warm Hearts Warm Homes, One Warm Coat, Other Campaigns)
- Governor's Office of Community Service will engage public and volunteer participation for disaster preparedness through Public Service Campaigns. Campaigns supported with intensive media, public service announcements, education materials, trainings, and national emergency preparedness resources.

Milestone 5: State Citizen Corps Council

- Established State Citizen Corps Council has appropriate representation to serve in the coordination, implementation and revision of citizen emergency preparedness and participation.